

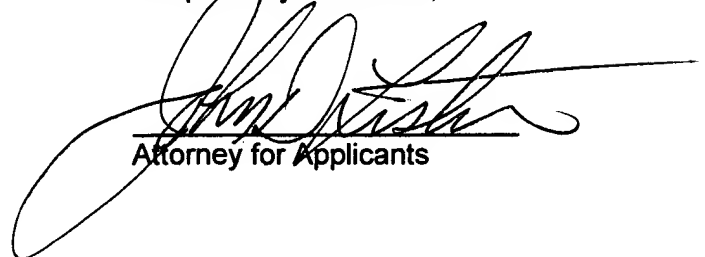
## REMARKS

Claims 119 and 145 have been canceled by this amendment and thus claims 106 to 118 and 134 to 144 are pending in the subject patent application. Claims 120 to 133 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 106 to 118 and 134 to 144 remain under consideration.

With regard to the Information Disclosure Statement, a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed herewith together with: the fee due as set forth in Section 1.17(p); copies of the German Patent Documents; and the translations of those German Patent Documents.

In the office action, claims 119 and 145 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 106, from which claim 119 directly depended, has been amended to include the limitations of claim 119. Thus, claim 106 and dependent claims 107 to 118 should now be in condition for allowance and the allowance of these claims is solicited. Claim 134, from which claim 145 directly depended, has been amended to include the limitations of claim 145. Thus, claim 134 and dependent claims 135 to 144 should now be in condition for allowance and the allowance of these claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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